

a cordial and productive meeting, and I believe we laid the basis for a productive and constructive relationship in the future.

We shared many values and perspectives: a commitment to today's young people in the United States and throughout the world; a belief in work and family and the importance of pursuing policies that support them; a commitment to correcting the social problems that give rise to so many problems for our people in this country, violence, drugs, and other things; and a recognition that we need in this Nation and throughout the world both more individual responsibility and more community action.

We talked about a wide range of international problems. We discussed Bosnia at length, as you might imagine. We talked about the peacekeeping mission in Somalia. We talked about the efforts of nations working together through the United Nations to reduce violence and support human rights and democracy throughout the world, in Cambodia, for example, and other places. We talked about the former Soviet Union and conditions in many countries. We talked about the Holy Father's native Poland and the progress that they are making there. We talked about Haiti and what the United States has tried to do there to restore democracy and freedom.

And throughout, I, like every other person who has ever met him, was profoundly impressed by the depth of His Holiness' conviction, the depth of his faith, and the depth of his commitment to continue on his mission.

I very much welcome the Vatican's commitment to human rights, including religious freedom for all. I welcome the progress that is being made in forging relationships and closer ties between the Vatican and Israel. That can only help as we seek to pursue peace in the Middle East.

We both are worried about the conditions in Somalia, the Sudan, Haiti, and Bosnia. We both are concerned about the problems that have always been with us, but we believe that we can make progress in dealing with them.

Finally, let me just say once again how very grateful I am to the Holy Father for coming to World Youth Day here in Denver and for the Catholic Church's decision to bring

World Youth Day to the United States and to Denver. It is my hope that the success of this extraordinary gathering of young people will create a greater spirit of unity and community among them and renewed commitment among those who are Americans to work for greater justice and opportunity here at home.

At the end of our meeting the Holy Father presented me with a Bible. And so, I close with a verse from it that I think characterizes his work and I hope in due time will characterize the work that we are doing here, the exhortation in St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, "Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

Thank you, Your Holiness, for your heart and your efforts.

NOTE: The President spoke at 5:20 p.m. at Regis University.

Statement on North American Free Trade Agreement Supplemental Accords

August 13, 1993

I am pleased that the United States, Mexico, and Canada have reached agreement on the supplemental accords to the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Last fall, I pledged that I would not submit NAFTA to Congress until my administration addressed shortfalls in the areas of environmental protection, worker rights, and import surges. Early this morning we fulfilled that promise. Today I pledge my strongest commitment to a major effort this fall to secure NAFTA's passage.

With the completion of the side accords, we have turned NAFTA into a pathbreaking trade agreement. NAFTA is strongly in the interest of the United States. This agreement helps our workers, our environment, our businesses, and our consumers.

With these agreements on environmental quality and labor standards, the North American Free Trade Agreement has become a fair trade agreement as well.

NAFTA will create thousands of high paying American jobs by unlocking access to Mexico, a growing market of 90 million people that thirst for American products and services. The old rules marked by high trade barriers and preferences for companies manufacturing in Mexico have been pushed aside. In their place NAFTA establishes a level playing field, low tariffs, and a tough mechanism for resolving environmental and labor problems.

NAFTA is part of my broad economic strategy to gear the American economy for a changing world, to channel change for the benefit of working men and women. I look forward to working with the Congress and the American people to make NAFTA a reality.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

August 6¹

The President announced his intention to nominate Edna Fairbanks-Williams and Ernestine P. Watlington to be members of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation.

August 9

In the morning, the President traveled to Charleston, WV, and returned to Washington, DC, in the afternoon.

August 10

The President appointed Richard Schifter to serve on the National Security Council staff as Special Assistant to the President and Counselor.

August 12

In the morning, the President traveled with Hillary Clinton and Chelsea Clinton to

St. Louis, MO, where the President attended a reception and ceremony honoring heroes of the Midwest floods and signed flood relief legislation at the Ramada Henry VIII Hotel. In the afternoon, they traveled to Denver, CO. In the evening, the President traveled to Oakland, CA, where he remained overnight.

August 13

In the morning, the President met with the East Bay Conversion and Reinvestment Commission and toured a community development site at the Oakland Naval Supply Center. He then addressed the community at the Alameda Naval Air Station.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Denver, CO, where he participated in a signing ceremony for the Colorado Wilderness Act of 1993 and the Small Business Guaranteed Credit Enhancement Act of 1993. Later, he joined Hillary Clinton and Chelsea Clinton, and they traveled to Vail for the weekend.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted August 6¹

Pierre N. Leval,
of New York, to be U.S. circuit judge for the second circuit, vice George C. Pratt, retired.

M. Blane Michael,
of West Virginia, to be U.S. circuit judge for the fourth circuit, vice James M. Sprouse, retired.

Martha Craig Daughtrey,
of Tennessee, to be U.S. circuit judge for the sixth circuit (new position).

¹ This announcement was not received in time for inclusion in the appropriate issue.

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